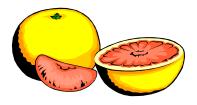
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## **Food - Drug Interactions**

# Does the food you eat affect the medicine you are taking?

# **Grapefruit and Grapefruit Juice Interactions**

If you take any of the following medications you should **not** eat grapefruits or drink grapefruit juice while taking the medication -



### **Immunosuppressant**

Cyclosporine (Neoral® or Sandimmune®)
Tacrolimus (Prograf® or Protopic®)

#### **Calcium-Channel Blockers**

Felodipine (Plendil®) Nifedipine (Adalat® or Procardia®) Verapamil (Isoptin® or Calan®)

#### **Antihistamines**

Terfenadine (Seldane®) Astemizole (Hismanal®)

## **Cholesterol-Lowering Medications**

Lovastatin (Mevacor®) Simvastatin (Zocor®) Atorvastatin (Lipitor®)

Grapefruit and grapefruit juice can cause you to have higher amounts of these medications in your blood, which can be dangerous.